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## **BASIC FOREIGN-POLICY PRINCIPLES**

From now until the election in November, the political campaign will get really hot. In an inflamed atmosphere like this, it is easy to lose sight of basic American principles. Therefore, for the next few weeks, let us see if we can re-state these principles and their relation to the great problems we face. We do this without regard to the stated positions of either political party or their candidates. Each individual American has to make up his own mind on that score. But

it is also well that he have a set of standards - even if he does not agree with them - to guide him.

This week, we deal with the problem uppermost in everybody's mind - the conduct of our foreign policy. There are two major principles which should always guide American foreign policy. Before stating them, we want to say something about the scare tactics to which we are subjected. There is a widespread notion, carefully nurtured by the Reds and their dupes,

that traditional American policy is unfit for the nuclear age. The idea is that we can no longer stand on old and tried principles because of the horrible destructive power of atomic weapons.

Now destruction is a relative thing. It all depends on what is being destroyed, no matter how terrible the means. And it is inconceivable that Americans have become so weak-willed that they would refuse to defend their freedom because of the presence of new weapons. Nuclear warfare is a horrible thing to contemplate. But it should be no more horrible to us than British cannonballs were to the Americans who fought and died for freedom in 1776.

Therefore, the first prin-

ciple on which our foreign policy must be based is that we act always from a position of courage and integrity, as we did with amazing success during all the years when we were a weak nation compared with the European military giants. The United States has never carried on a successful foreign policy from a position of fear and hesitancy.

The second principle is that our policy must always be formed in our own interests - not in the interests of here-today, gone-tomorrow allies. If there are nations who want to go along with us, well and good. But our policy should never be formed for them - only and always in the interest of the United States.

### THREE FACTS ABOUT THE SOVIET EMPIRE

What is the relation of these two basic principles of American foreign policy to the problem we face today? The problem, of course, is Soviet Russia and its Red slave empire. There are certain facts about this menace which must always be kept in mind. The first is that Soviet communism is a worldwide conspiracy. The second is that the communist slave empire

was built to its present power by us, or rather by our war-time leaders. The third is that the communist empire - like all empires in history - carries within itself the seeds of its own destruction.

Because communism is a worldwide conspiracy, it uses every means at hand to gain its ends - intimidation, infiltration, subversion, propaganda and so on. Its most

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successful and vicious techniques are infiltration and subversion, which have nothing to do with military power. We will deal with these when we discuss our internal domestic policies next week.

Soviet communism also uses threats of all kinds, including threats of war. But because it holds in subjugation millions of sullen and restless peoples, it is as much afraid of a shooting war as are the peace-loving Western peoples - with this difference. If it can succeed in lulling the free world, especially the United States, into an attitude of peace-at-any-price, it would then be willing to risk war if that served its purpose. But, bar-

ring an accident or an act by an insane Soviet ruler, so long as the communist leaders believe we are strong and adamant in our position, they will not risk war. The proof of this is in the fact that whenever the United States has taken such a position, the Soviet leaders back down.

This brings us to the fact that it was the United States, in the person especially of Franklin D. Roosevelt, which made possible the present Soviet Empire. Up until the Second World War - certainly until the time of the First World War - the United States had a policy of what was wrongly called isolationism. Actually, it was simply a case of following George Washington's advice of 'no entangling alliances,' and leaving the European and Asiatic powers to fight their endless wars. We scrapped that policy when we went into the First World War. But we returned to it after the war, when we realized the uselessness of trying 'to make the world safe for democracy.' Then we scrapped it again when FDR involved us in the Second World War. At the end of that war, he handed to Soviet communism two-thirds of the land mass of Europe and Asia.

The United States therefore holds a certain responsibility for the menace which faces the world today. Also, as honorable people, we must stand by certain commitments to peoples or nations whose present plight is the fault of our foolish leaders. The

most important are to the people of West Berlin, and to Free China on Formosa. In addition, there is our historic policy with regard to the Western Hemisphere under the Monroe Doctrine - which means no foreign domination of any kind in this hemisphere.

## A COURSE FOR AMERICA

In the light of all this, what should our foreign policy be? First, we must recognize that we cannot guarantee the peace of the world. We can only consider peace as the basis of our own policy - but always peace with honor.

Second, we must give the Red slave leaders to understand that we intend to stand by our commitments to West Berlin, to Free China, and to the Western Hemisphere come what may - with no ifs, ands or buts. This is a far better guarantee of peace than appeasement or 'accommodation' because it is the only position that the Reds fear and respect.

Third, we must stop building up Red power and prestige. We should let the viruses of discontent and revolt in the Red slave lands do their inevitable work. This means we should stop

immediately giving American money to communist nations. We should cut out all so-called cultural exchanges, all top-level negotiations and conferences with the Reds. They serve only to feed the communist propaganda mills. We should withdraw diplomatic recognition from all communist countries, and thus clean out these hotbeds of espionage and subversion here.

Fourth, the whole foreign-aid program should be brought to an end. There is only one valid excuse for giving the money of the American people to a foreign nation. That is to insure the military defense of the United States. And in this day of long-range missiles, what good is a military base in Britain, for instance, when we must first ask her permission to defend ourselves? All other foreign handouts - to help economic

development, to build up socialist regimes in neutralist countries - are not only an unconscionable drain on American resources, but are completely unconstitutional.

A foreign policy like this will not guarantee world peace, but it will guarantee a strictly American policy on which we can stand with pride and firmness. In the end, that has always been our best hope

for the peace of the United States. As for the communist threat, its greatest menace to us does not come from possible military action - which we should be always ready and willing to meet - but from far more dangerous and insidious tactics. We will consider these next week, together with those basic principles which should guide our domestic policies. - *John T. Flynn*

*Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 8/14/60*

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## **Book Review** **WORSE THAN FALLOUT**

NINE MEN AGAINST AMERICA, Revised Edition, by *Rosalie M. Gordon*, 166 pages, Devin - Adair, N. Y., \$3.00.

"You are an American. You love your country. You think it is the greatest and finest nation on earth. You feel, of course, that there is plenty wrong with it but that, after all is said, somehow we will always come out on top. You seldom think about it, but you feel you have the protection of such a charter of freedom as man has never before known. It guarantees to you a system of government and a mode of life which, whatever their faults, have brought you the highest

degree of freedom and abundance among all the world's inhabitants.

"Then, one day, quite by accident, you are shocked out of your complacency. You pay a visit to your son's schoolroom. His teacher is expounding to the class - including your son - some theories that sound strangely alien to you. They are alien to sound American thinking, but this teacher doesn't label them as such. He seems to be telling your son and his fellow students that these theories are the right ones - the best ones. Sorely troubled, you go to the principal. You say:

"Who is that man? He sounds

like a communist to me - or at least a fellow traveler.'

"The principal answers: 'He is.' You look astonished: 'Then what's he doing here - in a public school that I help support with my taxes?'

"'We fired him,' the principal says. 'We have a law in this state that a teacher in one of our schools who is called before an investigating committee and hides behind the Fifth Amendment to conceal his communist connections is subject to immediate dismissal.'

"'Then how did he get back in here?' you want to know.

"'The Supreme Court of the United States made us reinstate him in his job - with back pay too!'

These opening words of the new, up-to-date edition of Miss Gordon's startling exposé of the present Supreme Court of the United States contain only one of the many instances she cites of its attack on American liberties. The safeguards set up by the Constitution to protect the people from usurpation of power by their government are only as safe as the Supreme Court's ruling on any point. Here is the terrible recent history of how the Court was changed from an august, legally train-

ed, soundly deliberating body dedicated to *interpretation* of the Constitution, into a package of political puppets that jumped and moved according to the stimulus applied - almost invariably to the left.

Miss Gordon shows to how great a degree the Court has become an untrammelled force undermining the liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and altering the government of this nation to suit its own ideas. She cites the background and gives the significant Court record of each Justice. She shows how far from judicial have been a number of the Court's recent rulings and how serious the effects of these rulings have been and are bound to be on the lives of every American.

NINE MEN AGAINST AMERICA is no mere pedantic discussion of history. It is a vital documentation of a current situation that affects the future of every citizen of this country far more deeply than does the threat of destruction from H-bombs, ICBM's or atomic fallout. What's more, Miss Gordon has some practical suggestions about what to do to remedy the situation.

- Cortland Gray Smith

## WHAT GENIE?

"Now we stand on the threshold of government entering the field of education. Who can predict what genie will come out of this bottle? Political leaders promise us there will be no control; but we have heard this over and over and, if we are capable of learning from experience, we know that the thin end of the wedge will give place to the thick end as the government becomes ever more deeply involved in school problems. It just is not possible for government administrators in Washington to lay out billions of dollars for teachers' salaries and school construction without promulgating a great quantity of administrative law in connection therewith...Is it the deliberate intent of the American people to centralize the control of their economic, educational and cultural activities in the Washington bureaucracy?"

- from an editorial in *CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS*

## FRIGHTENING TO CONTEMPLATE

"It (the Supreme Court) threatens the very foundations of our Republic...it has usurped the legislative powers vested in Congress; tended to favor the communist and criminal elements of this country; glibly overruled and set aside decisions made and precedents established at a time when the court was composed of justices learned in the law and school-

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ed in the rudiments of American jurisprudence. (It has) ignored and nullified the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution, which reserves to the states all powers not delegated to the federal government. The inevitable consequences of such decisions are frightening to contemplate. Unless these trends can be checked, the usurpation of legislative powers stopped, state sovereignty will be destroyed, and a centralized government enthroned by judicial fiat and decree."

- Senator John J. McClellan

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